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NEW VOCATIONAL COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new vocational courses approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in various universities during the last three years and the current year in order to promote job-oriented education;

(b) the details of financial assistance given by UGC to promote the introduction of job-oriented vocational courses during the above period;

(c) the number of requests for approval of new vocational courses received by the UGC; and

(d) the number of cases rejected by them along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(d): In the X Plan,the Vocationalisation Programme at under-graduate level was recast, and a modified scheme of "Career Oriented Programme" was introduced.According to the scheme, the universities/colleges could formulate their own 'need based" career-oriented courses.In the XI Plan,the scheme has been further modified,and the institutions have been given a choice of wide range of subjects in various areas.Some of the indicated courses for science stream are Information and Computer technology,Refrigeration,Biotechnology,Hospital Waste Disposal Management and Sericulture etc.For the social sciences and humanities streams,the courses could be of inter-disciplinary nature such as Applied Sociology,Applied Psychology,Tourism,Fashion Designing, Translation Proficiency,Television and Video Production.For the commerce streams,courses could be in Insurance,Banking,e-Commerce,World Trade,Foreign Exchange Trade,Retailing etc.The courses offered should be of inter-disciplinary nature,and students should have the freedom to diversify into various fields not necessarily related with their core disciplines.

The details of financial assistance given in the last three years 2005-06,2006-07 & 2007-08 under the scheme of Career Oriented Programmes are :

Year	Rs. in lakhs
2005-06	2177.00
2006-07	2612.00
2007-08	4660.00